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**Representative Lipps**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Observing Rare Disease Day in Ohio,  
February 29, 2024.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Rare Disease Day in  
Ohio, February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Although it is easy to take our health and well-being for  
granted, even those with seemingly perfect health may be at risk of  
developing any number of rare diseases. Rare Disease Day serves to  
bring awareness about the isolation felt by those whose lives have  
been impacted by a rare disease as well as the challenges of being  
without treatment and answers to their medical questions; and

WHEREAS, The impact rare diseases have on an individual and their  
family is impossible to estimate, as it goes beyond simple economic  
influence and touches all facets of our society. The health of our  
communities must instead be viewed as a human development issue, for  
by creating an Ohio with further awareness of these conditions, more  
people may be able to succeed longer and possibly be able to pursue  
their dreams and passions. Indeed, the many fine supporters who have  
united behind Rare Disease Day are to be praised for their advocacy;  
and

WHEREAS, While the causes and treatments of rare diseases are  
usually unknown, people's stories have become a force to help others  
deal with these incurable conditions, and it is our sincere hope that  
Rare Disease Day will positively impact our state by educating  
individuals about the risks and issues those diagnosed with them face.  
Together, we can work to ensure that more citizens are able to thrive  
to the best of their ability in the Ohio of tomorrow; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
observe Rare Disease Day in Ohio, February 29, 2024; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 29  
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of 30  
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